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The Shah of Iran has been invited by President Johnson to visit the United States on August 22-24, 1967. The following telegram has been sent to President Johnson by the Iranian Student Association in the United States regarding this invitation:

"The Executive Committee of the Iranian Association in the United States holds Mohammed Reza Shah Pahlevi, the Shah of Iran, responsible for the oppression of the freedom-loving people of Iran and massacre of Iranians who oppose his dictatorial regime. We strongly protest your invitation of him and ask for its withdrawal."

Concerning our opposition to the shah and his regime, we believe it would be necessary, in order to facilitate the creation of an atmosphere of understanding among the American public, to bring the following to your attention:

### IRAN

Today's Iran is the carrier of a historical heritage of over 2,500 years. The people of Iran have survived many foreign invasions throughout their long history. In the past, they lived through the Greek, the Arab, and the Mongolian invasions. And they are, presently, struggling to maintain their independence in the face of the massive intervention of the West. Iran had suffered under the rule of the British colonial encroachment for over 100 years when the political conditions of the years 1951 to 1953, and the creation of the Iranian nationalist movement, under the guidance of Dr. Mossadegh, led to a temporary independence for the people from foreign rules.

### SHAH

The democratic government of Dr. M. Mossadegh which had successfully defeated the British Colonialism and had nationalized the oil industry throughout the country, was overthrown on August 19, 1953, in a coup d'etat sponsored by the C.I.A. The shah, having fled to Rome after his unsuccessful attempt of August 17 to overthrow Mossadegh, was brought back to Iran to head a military dictatorship, fully supported by the U. S. Government.

And since when the shah has ruled Iran as an absolute dictator. As the 34-month period of Dr. Mossadegh's government and the August 19th coup d'etat had clearly identified the shah with imperialistic nations, and had singled him out as "the" enemy of the people, the shah lost all hope for gaining the support of the Iranian masses. Thus his main support came from the U. S. Government, his domestic supporters remaining to be the big landlords and the rightist military officers.

### THE TYRANT

For the past 13 years the people of Iran have continued to suffer under the most cruel dictatorship in the history of the country.

The shah rules Iran with the help of an enormous 200,000 man army, and a 50,000 man secret police. He has thus created an atmosphere of terror and suppression, the extent of which can be fully understood only by the people who are living under it. The following are only some instances of brutality and murder enacted by the shah's armed forces:

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In December, 1953, the Royal Military Guard entered the University of Teheran and brutally shot to death three unarmed students in the classrooms.

On May 2, 1961, the government troops attacked 400 Teheran teachers who were on strike asking for salary increases. During the attack one teacher was killed and many were injured.

On January 21, 1962 the shah's paratroopers entered the University of Teheran and attacked students. During this attack 500 students were critically injured and many were permanently disabled, and one was killed.

In April, 1963, the government troops made several attacks upon the theological school in Ghom, killing several students and injuring a large number.

On June 8 and 9, 1963, the shah issued a "shoot-to-kill" order upon crowds protesting with bare hands the arrest of Ayatollah Khomeiny, the prominent and widely respected religious leader. Since this attack in which over 5,000 unarmed people were massacred, Ayatollah Khomeiny has lived in exile.

But the shah's most recent aggression, which surpasses even the brutality of his former crimes against the Iranian people, is his merciless persecution of the tribesmen of Fars - the Ghashghaies. To effect suppression of the Ghashghaies in the south, the shah has created a special army - an army which comprises a great portion of the whole military forces of Iran. For more than two years American-donated jets have been dropping napalm bombs on the Ghashghie villages. Relatives of Ghashghie leaders have been arrested and tortured. Only last month a 23-year old leader - Bahman Ghash. was captured and murdered.

### STUDENTS

Under the repressive conditions of Iran, and considering the great number of Iranian students abroad, the only vocal force of the opposition remains to be the Iranian student organizations abroad, unified and organized under the Confederation of Iranian Students, National Union.

It is our national and moral duty to reveal the true face of the shah to the public at large throughout the world.

### DEMONSTRATIONS

Every time the shah has traveled abroad he has been faced by masses of Iranian students protesting his regime. The latest and most vast demonstration took place in Germany during the shah's stay in that country last May. Thousands of Iranians and Germans participated in these demonstrations. One student was murdered, sixty were injured, and hundreds were sent to jail or temporary exile.

### SHAH COMES TO U. S. WE DEMONSTRATE

The shah, being invited by President Johnson, arrives in Washington, D. C., on August 22. He will be the guest of President Johnson the same evening. The Iranian Student Association in the United States and the delegates of all its 29 local chapters throughout the United States will demonstrate against the shah in front of the White House, as well as at any other opportunity during the shah's three-day stay in the United States.

### ALL FREEDOM-LOVERS INVITED TO JOIN

We invite and urge all freedom-lovers, Americans and non-Americans, to join our lines in our demonstration against the shah. We have a common cause. We believe in democracy, freedom, and human dignity.

# Join White House Demonstrations August 22